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SUBJECT: GSP FOR PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 58990

1. GSP CONSULTATION WITH PORTUGUESE PAST THREE DAYS
CONCLUDED WITH AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON TEXT OF
PORTUGUESE NOTE, SET FORTH BELOW, WHICH IS TO BE
DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY AT LISBON AS SOON AS IT HAS
GOP APPROVAL. PORTUGUESE ARE TO FILL IN DATE THEIR
TARIFF ACTIONS WILL TAKE EFFECT.

2. ON U.S. SIDE WE ARE PREPARING MEMORANDUM TO OMB WITH
PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS NOTIFYING CONGRESS OF ELIGIBILITY
OF PORTUGAL FOR GSP. ONCE PORTUGUESE NOTE IS RECEIVED
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THE PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS WILL BE SENT AND PUBLIC RELEASE

MADE OF THIS DECISION.

3. FOR ITS POLITICAL EFFECT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE PORTUGUESE NOTE AND PUBLICIZE THEIR ELIGIBILITY DURING THE APRIL ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN PORTUGAL. WE WILL CABLE TO YOU THE TEXT OF LETTERS RELEASED BY THE WHITE HOUSE, AS BASIS FOR PUBLICITY IN PORTUGAL.

4. ONCE THE PORTUGUESE TARIFF CHANGES ARE BOTH PUBLISHED AND ACTUALLY PLACED IN EFFECT WE WILL SUBMIT EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL. GSP TAKES EFFECT HERE ON THE DATE THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PORTUGUESE NOTE TO BE SENT TO THE EMBASSY. TEXT OF ACCOMPANYING LIST OF FIFTEEN PRODUCTS, AND FURTHER EXPLANATION WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY.

QUOTE: IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WHICH HAS OR IS LIKELY TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON UNITED STATES EXPORTS TO PORTUGAL, THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL WILL, IN REFERENCE TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE ACCOMPANYING LIST, REDUCE DUTIES ON A MOST-FAVORED-NATION BASIS TO THE SAME LEVEL APPLIED TO THE SIX ORIGINAL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. THIS ACTION WILL BE MADE EFFECTIVE ON BLANK AND THE ELIMINATION OF PREFERENCES WILL CONTINUE IN FORCE DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH PORTUGAL WILL BE A BENEFICIARY OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

QUOTE: FURTHERMORE, THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL IS READY TO CONSIDER ANY FUTURE SPECIFIC CASES WHERE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT GRANTED TO OR BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE SIX ORIGINAL MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY HAS OR IS LIKELY TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO PORTUGAL. AT THE REQUEST OF EITHER COUNTRY, CONSULTATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE TO CONSIDER ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR OTHER MODIFICATIONS OF THE ACCOMPANYING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIST. OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES UNDER THE GSP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. THE GOP UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL WISH TO CONSULT IN REGARD TO TARIFF NUMBERS 56.01.02 AND 84.59.07, IF THE TARIFF DISPARITY CONTINUES TO EXIST BETWEEN THE RATES APPLIED TO PRODUCTS OF THE ORIGINAL SIX MEMBER STATES

OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND TO THE PRODUCTS
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